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**REVISION #1**

**March 6, 2013**

A public meeting of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission will be held on **March 8-9, 2013** at the **Sahuarita Town Council Chambers, 375 W. Sahuarita Center Way, Sahuarita, Arizona 85629** as authorized by A.R.S. § 17-201(D). **Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or view the meeting from any one of the Department's six Regional Offices via video teleconference, with the exception of Region IV, Yuma, which is currently under construction, and with the exception of the Region V Office in Tucson, or viewing is available at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov).** The Department's Headquarters will also be available for viewing this meeting via video teleconference. Members of the public attending in person or viewing via teleconference may submit Speaker Cards (Blue Cards) if they wish to speak to the Commission. **The ability to speak to the Commission for those viewing the webcast is not available.** Unless expressly provided otherwise with any item on the agenda, the Commission may discuss and vote to take action on the following matters:

**Friday, March 8, 2013, Meeting begins at 8:00 A.M.**

**Agenda item #1 will be a roundtable workshop setting and will not be webcast or available via video teleconference.**

**\*CHANGED - TOPIC ADDED**

- 1. Tucson Community Forum. Raul Vega, Tucson Regional Supervisor.** An informal forum and workshop to discuss current and future matters involving the Arizona Game and Fish Department and the greater Tucson community. Department staff, along with community member involvement, will present an overview of ongoing collaborative work to the Commission, community leaders, and members of the public, and then facilitate an informal roundtable forum for open discussion. Topics will include:
  - Regional Volunteer Program
  - Mule Deer Working Group update / Region V mule deer population update
  - \*Catalina Bighorn Sheep Project
  - Pronghorn antelope projects in Region V
  - Lower San Pedro properties / Triangle Bar Ranch acquisition
  - Whitewater Draw Wildlife Area management
  - Black Tail Prairie Dog Project update

**Regular Commission Meeting begins at 10:30 A.M.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

- 2. Call to the Public.** Those persons wishing to speak should complete a speaker's card and present it to the host. Unless prior approval has been granted by the Chairman, comments will be limited

to no more than three minutes. No discussion or action will be taken by the Commission. Any items requiring further discussion or action will be included on a future Commission meeting agenda.

3. **Consent Agenda.** The following items have been grouped together and are hereby noticed as consent agenda items to expedite action on routine matters, which may not require public discussion. The Commission will be asked to approve briefings and updates without further public input or discussion and to approve other matters as presented, subject to approval or recommendations of the Office of the Attorney General. Commission members may remove certain items if further public input or discussion is deemed necessary.
  - a. **Shooting Sports Activities Briefing. Presenter: Jay Cook, Shooting Sports Branch Chief.** The Commission will be given an update of Department activities related to shooting sports including shooting programs and shooting range development statewide. The update covers activities that have occurred since the last regular Commission meeting.
  - b. **Information, Education and Wildlife Recreation Activities Briefing. Presenter: Ty Gray, Assistant Director, Information, Education and Wildlife Recreation.** The Commission will be given an update of Department activities and events related to Information, Education and Wildlife Recreation Programs. The update covers activities and events that have occurred since the last regular Commission meeting.
  - c. **Law Enforcement Program Briefing. Presenter: Gene F. Elms, Law Enforcement Branch Chief.** The Commission will be updated on the activities and developments relating to the Department's Law Enforcement Program. The update covers activities and events that have occurred since the last regular Commission meeting.
  - d. **Lands and Habitat Program Update. Presenter: Lawrence M. Riley, Assistant Director.** The Commission will be provided an update on the latest developments since the last regular Commission meeting relating to the implementation of land and resource management plans and projects on private, state and federal lands in Arizona and other matters related thereto.
  - e. **Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the creation and participation in the Arizona Child Abduction Response Team (CART) for Coconino County. Presenter: Craig McMullen, Flagstaff Regional Supervisor.** The Commission may approve an IGA that will allow the Department to officially participate with the CART for the Coconino County area.
  - f. **Consideration of the 12A Habitat Stamp Fund Budget for Calendar Year 2013. Presenter: Craig McMullen, Flagstaff Regional Supervisor.** The Commission will be asked to approve the 12A Habitat Stamp Fund Budget for Calendar Year 2013 for spending funds generated under the Cooperative Agreement between the Kaibab National Forest and the Department.
4. **Overview of Border Issues in the Tucson Region. Presenter: Raul Vega, Tucson Regional Supervisor.** The Department will present an overview of current border issues in southeastern Arizona.

5. **State and Federal Legislation. Presenter: Anthony Guiles, Legislative Liaison.** The Commission will be briefed on the status of State and Federal legislation. The Commission may take a position or provide direction to the Department for coordination, action, or proposed changes to legislation or other elective issues related to Department responsibilities.
6. **Wildlife Conservation Education Center Progress Briefing and Review of Commission Objective. Presenter: Ty Gray, Assistant Director, Information and Education Division.** A briefing regarding recent progress, including a review of the Commission's objective, for the proposed Wildlife Conservation Education Center.
7. **Online Hunt Applications Update. Presenter: Doug Cummings, Branch Chief, Information Systems.** The Department will provide an update on the online hunt application process and systems plans. This will cover a review of the online application and draw process for the past year, the 2013 Elk and Antelope Draw, and plans for a complete re-write of the Online Sales and Draw system.
8. **Management Information Needs Prioritization and Research Branch Project Selection. Presenter: Esther Rubin, Research Branch Chief.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the Department's process for prioritizing management information needs, and on recommendation of Department research projects.

**Agenda Items #9 and #10 are first read items.**

9. **Request for the Commission to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Presenter: Lawrence M. Riley, Assistant Director.** The Commission will be briefed on a Memorandum of Understanding with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the purpose of exchanging Apache Trout eggs for Weed Harvesting Services on White Mountain Apache Tribe waters.
10. **Rogers Lake Supplemental Agreement Between Coconino County and the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Presenter: Craig McMullen, Flagstaff Regional Supervisor.** The Commission may approve a supplemental agreement that will allow the Department to cooperatively develop a management plan for Rogers Lake County Natural Area in partial fulfillment of a Memorandum of Understanding adopted on October 16, 2012, with Coconino County.

**Lunch Break (Begins at 12:00 p.m.)**

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12. **Proposed Change to Dates of June 21-22, 2013 Commission Meeting and June 8-10, 2013 Commission and Executive Staff Retreat. Presenter: Ben Alteneder, Community and Congressional Relations.** The Department will present the Commission with the option to change the dates for the June 2013 Commission meeting and retreat.

**TIME CERTAIN AT 2:00 PM**

- 13. Hearings on License Revocations for Violations of Game and Fish Codes and Civil Assessments for the Illegal Taking and/or Possession of Wildlife. Presenter: Gene F. Elms, Law Enforcement Branch Chief.** The Commission will consider and take action on the license revocations and/or civil assessments for the individuals listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Docket #</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Conviction</u>
Stacy A. Grimmett	2013-0005		<b>Citation 226176</b>
		Count A:	Take Wildlife Closed Season (Mountain Lion)
		Count B:	Possess/Transport Unlawfully Taken Wildlife (Mountain Lion)
			<b>Citation 226177</b>
		Count A:	Take Wildlife Without Tag (Mountain Lion)
Christopher J. Payne	2013-0014	Count A:	Take Wildlife Without Permit/Tag (Turkey)
Jory D. Wright	2013-0015	Count A:	Take Wildlife Without Permit/Tag (Turkey)
Michael S. Herring	2013-0024	Count A:	Possession of Unlawfully Taken Wildlife (Trout)
		Count B:	Exceed Bag Limit (Trout)

- 14. Rehearing Request Regarding Previous License Revocation/Civil Assessment. Presenter: Gene F. Elms, Law Enforcement Branch Chief.** Kent E. Petersen has requested that the Arizona Game and Fish Commission grant a rehearing regarding the revocation of his license for five (5) years, a civil assessment of \$250.00, and the requirement to complete a Hunter Education course before obtaining any licenses to take wildlife in the State of Arizona.
- 15. Field Trip.** The Commission may participate in a field trip to a Jack Rabbit Camp from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. sponsored by Safari Club International and assisted by Arizona Game and Fish employees. The event provides an opportunity for youth hunters to learn about hunting skills and hunting ethics, jack rabbit biology, and camping. The Camp will be located just off Highway 286 South of Three Points approximately at mile post 40. Participation in the Camp is limited to those registered through Safari Club International. No legal action will be taken by the Commission during the field trip.

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**Saturday, March 9, 2013 at 7:00 A.M.**

- 1. Field Trip.** The Commission may participate in a field trip from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. to a fishing clinic sponsored by Sahuarita Parks and Recreation Department and assisted by Arizona Game and Fish employees at Sahuarita Lake, across from the Sahuarita Town Council Chambers, 375 W. Sahuarita Center Way, Sahuarita, Arizona 85629. No legal action will be taken by the Commission during the field trip.

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3. **Risk Analyses for Potential Additions to Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Director's Orders in Arizona (whirling disease; largemouth bass virus; all snakehead species). Presenter: Larry Riley, Assistant Director, Wildlife Management Division.** The Commission will be briefed on three candidates for listing in 2013 Director's Orders.

**Item #4 is a first read item.**

4. **A Briefing on Public Comments Received on Hunt Guidelines. Presenter: Brian F. Wakeling, Game Branch.** The Commission will be briefed on the comments received thus far on the existing hunt guidelines and on the timeline that will be followed in review and approval for the remainder of this guideline cycle.
5. **Briefing on the Pilot Big Boquillas Ranch Access Program and Agreement/Landowner Compact. Presenter: Tom Finley, Regional Supervisor.** The Department will provide the Commission with a presentation on the progress of the Pilot Big Boquillas Ranch Access Program and Agreement including an update on how this project serves as a pilot for the landowner compact, and Department coordination efforts to date.
6. **Developing a Commission Policy Statement on Travel and Access to Arizona's Public Lands. Presenter: Lawrence M. Riley, Assistant Director, Wildlife Management Division.** The Commission will review and may adopt a final proposed Commission Policy Statement establishing the Commission's position regarding access upon public lands held by the USDA Forest Service and USDOJ Bureau of Land Management.

**Agenda item #7 will be a roundtable workshop setting and will not be webcast or available via video teleconference.**

7. **Commission Strategic Direction/Budget Priority Discussion. Presenter: Lizette Morgan, Chief Financial Officer, Business & Finance.** The Department will facilitate a discussion among Commissioners to identify how the Commission can best communicate strategic direction to the Department regarding operational and budgetary priorities. The Commission may provide the Department guidance in establishing priorities relative to the FY 15 budget development process.
8. **Executive Session (The Commission will not vote to take any action during Executive Session).**
  - a. **Litigation and Legal Counsel.** The Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel for legal advice in order to consider its position and to instruct legal counsel regarding the Commission's position concerning *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River; Reed v. Arizona Game and Fish Department, C20111354; Wagner v. Personnel Board, LC2011-000683; Proposed Rosemont Copper Mine Project NEPA; WildEarth Guardians v. James Lane, CIV 12-118; Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Forest Service, CV 12-08176; Notice of Intent to Sue by Center for Biological Diversity concerning (10(a)(1)(A) permit for Mexican gray wolf; Ironwood National Monument protest.*

b. **Real Property.** The Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (7) for the purpose of discussion or consultation with Department staff in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding Triangle Bar Ranch and legal effects of accepting NRDA funds for its acquisition.

c. **Personnel Matters.** The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) to discuss personnel matters associated with the Director's Goals and Objectives and the Director's performance, including his performance regarding organizational changes and related assignments associated with the Governor's Executive Order 2013-02. The Commission may take action in the public session or defer any action to a later date.

9. **Litigation Report.** The Department's legal counsel may report on the status of the litigation matters: *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River*; *Reed v. Arizona Game and Fish Department*, C20111354; *Wagner v. Personnel Board*, LC2011-000683; Proposed Rosemont Copper Mine Project NEPA; *WildEarth Guardians v. James Lane*, CIV 12-118; *Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Forest Service*, CV 12-08176.

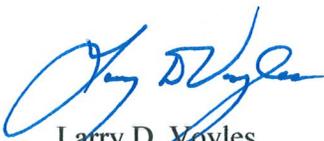
10. **Approval of Minutes and Signing of Minutes.** The Commission may approve the Commission meeting minutes from February 1-2, 2013 and February 21, 2013.

11. **Director's and Chairman's Reports.** The Director and the Chairman will report on Department and Commission activities since the last meeting. This item will be for information only. If further discussion is necessary, those items requiring discussion may be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.

12. **Commissioners' Reports.** The Commissioners will report on their activities since the last meeting related to Game and Fish Commission duties and responsibilities. This item will be for information only. If further discussion is necessary, those items requiring discussion may be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.

13. **Future Agenda Items and Action Items.**

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Larry D. Voyles  
Director

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*The agenda may be revised and additional items may be added prior to the meeting as authorized by A.R.S. §38-431.02. In that event, an addendum to the agenda will be noticed and posted prior to the meeting at Department offices. Commission agenda items not noticed for a specific time may be taken out of order. Background materials provided to Commission members concerning public agenda items are available for public inspection at the main office of the Arizona Game and Fish Department at 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, at Department regional offices in Pinetop, Flagstaff, Kingman, Yuma, Tucson, Mesa and at the meetings.*

*During the public meeting, the Commission may afford any person, their duly authorized representative, or both, the opportunity to present statements relating to agenda items, with or without the opportunity to*

*present them orally. The Commission may go into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Commission Attorneys on any of the above agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) (3) & (4). One or more members of the Commission may appear and participate in the meeting telephonically or by other electronic means.*

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*The Arizona Game and Fish Department is responsible for managing Arizona's fish and wildlife resource as an enduring public trust. In addition, the Department is charged with promoting safe and responsible use of watercraft and off-highway vehicles. Funding is provided from the sale of licenses and permits; watercraft registration fees; federal excise taxes on firearms, fishing equipment, boats, and other sporting goods; State lottery revenues; donations on State income tax forms; and various contracts and grants. Department policy is set by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, whose five members are appointed by the Governor.*

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